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Both forced to spend night on mountains after veering from trail

Tereza Verenca
For Metro | Vancouver

A little bit of luck and good preparation is what saved a Vancouver man and his dog after both were forced to spend Saturday night on the North Shore mountains.

The 40-year-old snowshoer wanted to complete a loop via the Howe Sound Crest Trail and ultimately get back to his car via Hollyburn, according to North Shore Rescue. Shortly after contacting his wife around 5 p.m. to say he was heading back to his vehicle, his Husky ran off down a gully.

"It was there that he made the on-the-spot decision to follow," wrote NSR volunteer Curtis Jones in a blog post on the rescue team's website.

"He made his decision with the full knowledge that he was experienced and carrying all of the necessary survival equipment."

The snowshoer, whose phone had died, followed his dog's tracks all the way down into the Capilano watershed where they were reunited hours later. With a map and compass in hand, the pair started to ascend the Hollyburn branch of the Forest Service Road.

"He probably travelled 25 kilometres during the night," Jones wrote.

North Shore Rescue was activated around 8 p.m. on Saturday, but weather conditions weren't ideal. High winds and blowing snow obscured any tracks and hampered the call "significantly." Crews were out until 4 a.m. on Sunday with plans to go back with aircraft at 7:30 a.m.

But just as the helicopter was about to be deployed, the snowshoer and his four-legged friend walked out of the trail.

"He's in good shape. He's obviously tired because he was hiking all night. He said he didn't really stop," said NSR team leader Mike Danks.

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Park board fuming over Sunset Beach 4/20 rally

SMOKEFEST

Pot protest safety risks cited by board chairwoman

Tereza Verenca
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The news that Vancouver's annual 4/20 pot protest is moving to Sunset Beach this year isn't sitting so well with the park board.

Chairwoman Sarah Kirby-Yung told Metro the location isn't appropriate and there are many concerns to weigh.

"Demonstrators will not only violate the park board's smoking bylaws, which cover all beaches, but will block parts of the seawall, a nearby daycare and the aquatic centre," she said.

Another concern is having tens of thousands of people at the waterfront, something she said could pose a safety risk.

"There were 64 hospitalizations in the 2015 4/20 event," she noted.

Kirby-Yung said alternative venues for the smokefest — which attracted some 20,000 bud enthusiasts last year — could be Larwill Park or Concord Pacific-owned land near the viaducts.

The worldwide pro-marijuana event, which has people light up at 4:20 p.m. on April 20, has to find a new home for a couple of reasons. First, the north plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery is slated for major renovations this spring. Second, attendance is growing to the point where downtown Vancouver is no longer a viable option.

"We believe the beach is a safe place because sand won't go on fire and we'll make sure we'll have ashtrays and any sort of garbage collection for any of the refuse left behind," 4/20 organizer Jodie Emery said in an interview with the CBC.

Because this is an unsanctioned and un-permitted event, 4/20 organizers won't be applying for a permit.

"We're doing everything required of a permitted event to make sure it's safe and secure," Emery said in the interview.

Kirby-Yung, meanwhile, said none of the park-board commissioners were consulted about relocating the peacefully rally to Sunset Beach, which falls under its jurisdiction.

"The park board is very disappointed this happened without consultation with the elected board," she said, adding the board's concerns will be sent in a letter to Mayor Gregor Robertson on Monday.

> **We're doing everything required of a permitted event to make sure it's safe and secure.** Jodie Emery

Thousands attended the **4/20 protest outside the Vancouver Art Gallery** on April 20, 2014. MATT DESOUZA/METRO FILE

CLARIFICATION

An image featured on Page 8 of Friday's Metro may have given the impression that the house in the photo had recently been flipped for profit. For the record, the house was sold in December, not Thursday, and is not an example of a flipped house. Metro regrets any confusion. METRO

IN BRIEF

Gunshot wounds a puzzle

The RCMP in Surrey are trying to understand what brought two men to hospital with gunshot wounds over the weekend.

The Mounties said the pair arrived for medical care shortly before 11 p.m. on Saturday. Both are believed to be in their 20s. One of them was suffering from life-threatening injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Collision with SUV kills pedestrian

Police on Vancouver Island are hoping to speak with anyone who witnessed a fatal pedestrian collision.

Central Saanich Police said the crash happened shortly before 9 p.m. on Friday and left a woman in her late 40s dead.

She was hit on Mount Newton Cross Road by a man driving an SUV. Police said there's no suggestion alcohol or speed were factors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The sting of 'institutional betrayal'

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Expert to talk at conference responding to claims at UBC

When an institution fails a victim after a sexual assault, that betrayal worsens the trauma from the attack, says a leading U.S. expert who is set to speak at the University of British Columbia.

Jennifer Freyd, a psychology professor at the University of Oregon, will deliver a keynote speech on "institutional betrayal" at a two-day sexual-assault conference that begins Monday.

A group of professors set up the event following complaints the university took 18 months to act on multiple assault allegations against a PhD student.

"Colleges and universities are supposed to be on your side," Freyd said in an interview.

"At least in the U.S., universities really advertise themselves that way, as a safe haven that you're going to go to and you're going to be protected and watched out for. When that expectation is not fulfilled, it's a crushing situation for people."

The incident at UBC prompted an apology from interim president Martha Piper and a promise to develop a sexual-assault policy separate from general discrimination and harassment.

Philosophy professor Carrie Ichikawa Jenkins said the conference was one of many suggestions that emerged when a group of concerned UBC faculty members met in December.

Nearly 100 faculty members have signed an open letter apologizing for "not doing and not demanding better" to ensure students are protected.

Freyd, who speaks Tuesday, has been studying "betrayal trauma," or abuse by a trusted person, for 20 years. When Freyd heard about the issues unfolding at UBC, she said they sounded familiar — except for the faculty's open letter.

"I was just blown away by that, because I had not seen something like that before," she said. "It's the opposite of institutional betrayal. It's being really accountable." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Women's memorial march sends a message to Ottawa

MISSING INDIGENOUS WOMEN

Event gains significance this year as inquiry looms

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The heavy downpour couldn't dampen an immense show of strength during this year's Feb. 14 Downtown Eastside Women's Memorial March in Vancouver.

This year's march — the 26th — seems to have taken on even more significance with the Liberal government currently plotting the framework for the upcoming national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women and the more than 1,000 people who participated in the march on Sunday sent a loud message to Ottawa.

Not that their voices had to necessarily travel that far.

Jody Wilson-Raybould, Canada's Attorney General and Minister of Justice, was in the crowd. The Vancouver-Granville MP said she hasn't lost sight of what is at stake for the national inquiry.

"I believe it's the seventh time I've been at the march," Wilson-Raybould told media. "This day is about recognizing and remembering the murdered and missing indigenous women and girls, honouring their lives and working with the families and all of the advocates that have ensured that this tragedy is kept top of mind. It's through their efforts and their resilience that we have moved forward with an inquiry."

More than 1,000 people walk down Main Street in Vancouver during the Feb. 14 Downtown Eastside Women's Memorial March. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould speaks to media during the Memorial March. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Whatever form the inquiry ends up taking, Wilson-Raybould said the federal government is committed to one that "will provide some measure of justice for the families" of missing and murdered women.

Government consultations with affected families and stakeholders are ongoing.

> This day is about ... remembering the murdered and missing indigenous women.
> Jody Wilson-Raybould

Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Carolyn Bennett this weekend met with the organizers of the Women's Memorial March, who remain worried the voice of frontline workers and women groups won't be heard at the inquiry.

"The march is significant every year, I guess more so this year because we have been pushing for this inquiry for a very long time. We're still pressing for women's groups to be heard within that process," said Women's Memorial March co-chair Fay Blaney.

"I think that the frontline service providers and women service groups have an awful lot to contribute to the design of the inquiry and they're the ones that are working with the survivors, indigenous women, that are out encountering violence in their lives."

Blaney believes the consultation process has created a false dichotomy where women's groups feel they've had to compete with affected families — who she agrees must be given a prominent role in the inquiry — for government's time.

Wilson-Raybould confirmed her priority has been to consult with families "first and foremost" but added advocates have also been part of the discussion.

Organizers of the Women's Memorial March have now had two meetings with ministers in recent months, she said.

"We welcome all contributions, all perspectives and all suggestions on how we can put together an inquiry and establish objectives that we all want to achieve," she said.

One member of the march organizing committee was glad to give Wilson-Raybould, a former prosecutor and regional chief of the B.C. Assembly of First Nations, her admittedly biased vote of confidence.

"I'm kind of on her side, because I'm her cousin," said Myrna Cranmer to a round of laughs during a news conference ahead of the march. "She knows her law. She knows what's happening in the community. She knows her stuff and I believe she's willing to listen."

ENVIRONMENT

UBC to decide on fossil fuel investing

An environmental coalition made up of students, faculty and staff is urging the University of British Columbia's board of governors to disregard its own finance committee's recommendation not to divest from fossil fuels.

The university's board is set to make the final decision Monday on whether to sell off the school's fossil fuel holdings as part of the university's $1.4-billion endowment. In a vote this month, the board's finance committee recommended against the controversial move. Divest UBC has issued a statement demanding the university launch a more open, transparent and evidence-based process.

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IN BRIEF

Jail urged over alleged asbestos violations

An asbestos-removal company is in court this week, accused of repeatedly exposing its workers to the deadly construction material.

Labour organizations are calling for jail for Seattle Environmental director Mike Singh and his son Shawn Singh. The B.C. Federation of Labour and the B.C. Insulators Union said the two men breached court orders on multiple occasions.

Court filings from WorkSafeBC allege the violations have taken place since a 2013 B.C. Supreme Court decision, which fined the company and the Singhs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ADOPTION BATTLE

Métis girl barred from event in her honour

A foster mother fighting to adopt a Métis toddler she has raised since birth says she's outraged that British Columbia's Children's Ministry has barred the girl from attending a cultural event in her honour.

The Vancouver Island woman, who cannot be identified, said the ministry has told her the girl will not be allowed to attend a fundraiser and potluck hosted by the B.C. Métis Federation on Saturday.

"It made no sense," she said. "Here they are saying that cultural identity is important and yet at the same time, they're not allowing her to take part in this cultural activity and not allowing her to be in a culturally sensitive home."

She and her husband have launched a court petition to adopt the two-and-a-half-year-old girl. The ministry is fighting the adoption because it plans to move her to Ontario to live with her older siblings, who she has never met.

The foster mother is Métis, while the caregivers in Ontario are not, pitting the importance of indigenous culture against blood relatives.

The ministry said the gathering was advertised as an opportunity to meet the toddler, which is a violation of legislation that protects the identity of children in government care.

The foster mother said she has taken great care to keep the girl's identity private, especially in the media. She said the ministry's explanation appears to be an "excuse" and suggested the government was trying to avoid further publicity about the case.

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A Métis girl at the heart of an adoption fight, walks with her foster father in Butchart Gardens. CONTRIBUTED/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Discover the sex lives of the sea ... with a martini

NATURE

Aquarium's next After Hours event coming soon

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Ever wondered how seahorses mate?

Grab a cocktail and get ready to learn all about their romantic ways at the Vancouver Aquarium's next After Hours adults-only event, themed The Secret Sex Lives of Aquatic Animals.

It takes place March 10, and attendees will have an opportunity see the aquarium after it closes and discover the unique mating habits of marine life while sipping a glass of wine, beer or a Sex on the Beach cocktail.

"You can actually see the Discovery Channel in action," aquarium spokeswoman Amy Elvidge said with a laugh.

"It's a bit of an unreal experience. I'm certain we're the only venue in Vancouver where you can drink a glass of wine and watch sharks, and that's pretty cool."

Some of the romantic programming on deck for the four-hour event includes listening to a hissing cockroach's mating call, learning how sharks reproduce four different ways, as well as a presentation on why diving is sexy.

Dr. Martin Haulena, the aquarium's head veterinarian, will also be giving a scientific talk about how sea creatures, from coral to otters, enjoy sexy time. With five bars set up throughout the aquarium, there will be no shortage of watering holes for visitors to enjoy, said Elvidge.

Visitors can learn about **The Secret Sex Lives of Aquatic Animals**, just like these two amorous frogs, at the Vancouver Aquarium's upcoming adult-only After Hours event, taking place March 10. COURTESY VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

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> Aquarium spokeswoman Amy Elvidge

Since some of the animals don't like to stay up late, however, the aquarium will be closing some exhibits, like the Graham Amazon Gallery, before the event ends.

Still, Elvidge said just the experience of being at the aquarium in the evening is "quite spectacular."

"A lot of the animals act a little differently at night," she said.

"There is just something so special about walking through the galleries when it's dark and dim and the lights are still glowing."

Since After Hours started in 2012, the aquarium has hosted 16 events, which have all sold out.

DETAILS

The event runs from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets, which are $29 for non-members and $21 for members, are available online at vanaqua.org. The event is 19+.

Elvidge said the aquarium will be hosting six adult-only nights this year.

IN BRIEF

House fire in Fernie kills 69-year-old man

A 69-year-old man has died after a massive house fire in Fernie. The fire happened around 4:45 p.m. Friday in a residential neighbourhood of the mountain town, located just west of the Alberta border. Several witnesses reported hearing an explosion and rushed to the home with fire extinguishers.

The victim was found unresponsive in a covered walkway at the front of the home, but the fire and falling debris prevented him from being pulled out. Forensic investigators have determined the fire and man's death were not a result of foul play.

Next of kin have been notified, the but man's name has not been released. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP: Mountie broke bones in his hand during attack in Kelowna ER

RCMP say one of two officers who was attacked in the emergency room of a Kelowna, B.C., hospital ended up with broken bones in his hand.

Const. Jesse O'Donaghey says three Mounties responded to a call about a volatile patient who had barricaded himself in a treatment room and covered a security camera.

O'Donaghey says the officers tried unsuccessfully to negotiate with the man Wednesday before opening the door. He says that's when the patient "came out swinging" and hit two officers with his fists.

O'Donaghey says the Mountie with broken bones in his left hand will be off work for about six weeks. Charges may be considered as police continue their investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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App eases facial recognition

TECHNOLOGY

UVic initiative targets kids with autism, and the elderly

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A University of Victoria professor has designed an iPad app that can help kids with autism learn how to recognize faces and read facial expressions.

The app, called Let's Face It! Scrapbook, allows users to take photos of their family and friends, label them and then play games to help remember their names and faces.

"We wanted to find a way to help kids recognizes faces in their everyday lives," said Jim Tanaka, a psychology professor at UVic who helped design the app.

"We thought the best way to do this is to use the iPad camera to collect these pictures. The user builds his or her own content and then we put it into games."

A University of Victoria professor has built an iPad app to help children with autism spectrum disorder recognize faces and read facial expressions. FLICKR: CHIRANTAN PATNAIK

Tanaka, who built the app with the help of students at UVic over the past seven years, said the platform encourages users to become comfortable with looking at faces in a non-threatening setting.

He said children with autism spectrum disorder often avoid looking at someone's face, and when they do, tend to focus on the mouth region, rather than the eyes.

"That makes complete sense because if you're threatened by social engagement, you don't want to look at somebody in the eyes," he said.

"This is something we all do quite naturally but, of course, the eyes are so important for understanding someone's identity."

While the app was developed with the goal of helping individuals with autism, Tanaka said it can also be used by anyone who has difficulty remembering faces.

Both Tanaka and his wife, who is also a teacher, have successfully used the app to help remember the names of students in their classes.

But the original inspiration came from an idea to help his father remember the names of his children, he said.

"As kids get older, they change, and it's difficult for elderly people to keep track," he said.

Already, Tanaka said the app is getting positive feedback. He said it has been used by children at the Mosaic Learning Society in Victoria, which offers educational support to children with autism, who enjoyed using it.

Let's Face It! Scrapbook is available for free in the iTunes store and requires an iPad 2.

Christy Clark makes her announcement. COURTESY B.C. GOVERNMENT

$355M boost to housing

AFFORDABILITY

B.C. pledges to build or renew 2,000 units

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

The B.C. government is contributing $355 million to construct or renovate 2,000 new affordable-housing units across the province, Premier Christy Clark vows.

Clark, who made the announcement in Vancouver on Friday with Housing Minister Rich Coleman, said the units will be aimed at people with low to moderate incomes throughout the province.

"This is the largest single social- and affordable-housing investment in the province's history," she told reporters.

"A strong, growing economy gives us the ability to make investments in critical services that build on our track record of increasing affordable housing across B.C. and ensuring more British Columbians have access to a safe and affordable place to call home."

Clark said the province has earmarked $50 million of the investment for each of the first two years, $75 million for the third year and $90 million for the final two years.

The funding, which will be generated from the non-profit asset transfer program, will be distributed over a five-year period, she said.

BC Housing said it will seek requests for proposals to partner with municipalities, non-profit societies and other community groups on projects that create more affordable housing.

OAKRIDGE

Two women hit in unprovoked attacks

Police are warning the public to be aware of their surroundings after two women were struck in the face and the head recently in separate unprovoked assaults in Vancouver's Oakridge neighbourhood.

On the morning of Jan. 23, shortly before 11 p.m., a 23-year-old woman was leaving the Langara Canada Line Station when a man approached her from behind and tackled her to the ground near West 48th Avenue and Manitoba Street, according to the Vancouver Police Department.

Police said the man struck her in the face and then ran away when she started screaming loudly for help, drawing the attention of nearby residents.

The second incident happened Feb. 4 at about 7 p.m.

Police said a 67-year-old woman was walking near Columbia Park at West 42nd Avenue between Alberta and Columbia streets when she saw a man who appeared to be hiding behind a tree.

According to police, the man walked up and punched her in the face and head.

When the woman screamed, he ran away, westbound, toward Oakridge Mall.

Police searched the area with dogs following both assaults but failed to find an attacker.

Despite speaking to several witnesses, canvassing the area for video evidence and carrying out forensic examination and DNA testing, police said they have not been able to identify the attacker.

Police said the motive behind the attacks is believed to be robbery rather than sexual in nature.

It's unclear if the attacks are connected or if the same person is responsible.

However, police said, both victims provided similar descriptions of the man who attacked them.

He is described as white, in his 30s or 40s with a slim to medium build and balding with short hair.

Police are reminding people to be aware of their surroundings — and, if they see someone suspicious, to report the incident to police immediately.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

CONTACT

Anyone with information about either incident is asked to call investigators at 604-717-0601 or to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

CRIME

Fight on party bus leads to five arrests

Five people have been arrested after a fight on a party bus in downtown Vancouver.

Police say they responded to a call about an assault around midnight Friday.

When officers arrived, they were told the suspect had got on a party bus.

Officers found the bus nearby, and when they attempted to identify the man responsible for the assault, other people on the bus tried to fight with the officers.

Police say four people were arrested for breach of peace and one woman was arrested for assaulting an officer.

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IDENTITY

Adoptee lacks enough native blood, officials allegedly said

Tattooed on Josiah Wilson's chest is a fine line of writing that combines two significant dates: his birth and the death of his biological mother four days after he was born.

The 20-year-old, who was adopted as a baby from Haiti, also carries a status Indian card.

He is African by race — but legally, culturally and ethnically he identifies as a member of the Heiltsuk First Nation.

The mix is not common, but Wilson says he's "never really had a problem with it" until earlier this week, when he was expelled from a popular First Nations basketball competition in northern British Columbia.

His father says the tournament committee claims he lacks sufficient indigenous bloodlines to participate in the All Native Basketball Tournament.

Josiah Wilson, 20, left, with his brother and sisters at a Calgary restaurant in September 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tournament organizers could not be reached for comment.

It's a decision that has not only upset Wilson, his family and community but has raised questions about what parameters are used to define membership in a group.

"There's no shame in having multiple identities," said Don Wilson, Josiah's father, a Calgary-based doctor born to an indigenous father and Caucasian mother, who was raised in Bella Bella, B.C.

> **There's no shame in having multiple identities.**
> Don Wilson

"Josiah's never thought anything of it — being black and having a First Nations grandfather, a mixed-race father and a white grandmother. He's got a rainbow family," he said. "It wasn't a strange thing for us. It seems that other people from the outside find it unusual."

Josiah Wilson, who said he's never really had to think about these issues before, agreed: "That's been pretty cool, having all these multiple identities."

But he's surprised by the sudden spotlight thrown on who he is and how it relates to the decision made by the tournament organizers.

"I told my Grade 10 and 11 class I had native status. They were like, 'OK, cool.' It wasn't a big deal," he said. "And then this happens, and everybody is like, 'Oh my god.'"

Wilson was apparently excluded on the basis of race, a controversial choice over ethnicity, said associate professor Wendy Roth of the sociology department at the University of British Columbia.

Race tends to be defined by biology or physical characteristics, while ethnicity relates to how someone is raised and their cultural upbringing, she said, adding they often go hand-in-hand.

But that's not the case for Wilson, and the committee may have conflated the two in interpreting the rules, Roth suggested.

"There's no reason to apply a racial standard, rather than an ethnic one." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SKIING

Rescued family makes sizeable donation

A family that had to be rescued after skiing out of bounds near Kamloops last week has made a large donation to the organization that saved them.

Kamloops Search and Rescue manager Alan Hobler will only say the donation is a sizable amount that will cover the cost of the rescue and help purchase a lot of much-needed equipment.

The family of six, including children ranging in age from six to 13, ducked under ropes at Sun Peaks Resort Monday afternoon and ended up in avalanche terrain.

Hobler says the incident is a good reminder that people should never duck under the ropes on a ski hill.

The donation came with a letter from the father, who has not been identified, saying he hopes others can learn from his mistake.

He also thanked the search-and-rescue crews for risking their lives to save his family.

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FIRST NATIONS

Federal deal next up for Tsilhqot'in

The Tsilhqot'in nation's five-year agreement with British Columbia outlining land and resource negotiations has set the stage for settling with the federal government, says the indigenous group's tribal chairman.

Joe Alphonse said Friday's accord provides a framework for the Williams Lake-based nation to begin talks to improve the lives of its members in six communities.

The agreement covers eight areas including culture and language, children and families, healthy communities, justice, education and training, lands and resources as well as economic development. Crown land within the Tsilhqot'in territory will be part of negotiations, but private lands will not be involved.

Alphonse said a June 2014 Supreme Court of Canada decision granting the nation title to more than 1,750 square kilometres in the Nemiah Valley in B.C.'s Chilcotin region bolsters its fight for control of resources such as trees, gold, sockeye and oil and gas.

The B.C. government has battled the indigenous group in court for 25 years.

Premier Christy Clark became the first premier to visit the Nemiah Valley and signed deals with the Tsilhqot'in to negotiate development protocols. The government also exonerated six Tsilhqot'in chiefs hanged 150 years ago during the so-called Chilcotin War of 1864.

Negotiations dealing with children and families are central for the Tsilhqot'in, Alphonse said, adding the nation will ultimately have authority on any deals that are negotiated.

The nation is looking ahead to negotiations with the federal government on issues such as clean water as it takes control of its own destiny through land-use planning, Alphonse said.

"Now that we have this done with B.C., we will be pointing our arrows to Canada and we will be calling on (Prime Minister) Justin Trudeau to come to our table — don't be shy," Alphonse said.

"We want to be a part of Canada, we want to be a part of British Columbia. We feel like we've been non-members, we've been held hostage on our Indian reserves and we see our resources being pulled out of our territories every day, generation after generation.

"We will continue to fight and we will continue to win in court or we can sit down and negotiate and be respectful to one another." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thierry Leroux. FACEBOOK

POLICE

Quebec officer killed

Quebec's political leaders were expressing their condolences to the family of a police officer who was shot and killed in the line of duty Saturday.

Thierry Leroux, 26, had been with the local force in the tiny community of Lac-Simon for six months. He died after he and another officer responded to a domestic call in this community near Val d'Or, Quebec provincial police said Sunday.

"When they arrived on the scene, at least one shot was fired in their direction," said provincial police Sgt. Claude Denis. "According to the first element of the investigation, it was not possible for them to react."

Another person was pronounced dead inside the home, and police have said they believe he may have shot himself.

Sgt. Benoit Coutu of the provincial police identified him as Anthony Raymond Papatie, 22, a resident of Lac-Simon. Coutu could not confirm whether Papatie lived at the home where the incident occurred.

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The forgotten refugees

IMMIGRATION

Syrians not the only people who are fleeing persecution

Solomon didn't face a welcoming committee with cameras clicking when he landed in Toronto as a refugee. Instead, he got a send-off.

The smuggler who had brought him into the country gave him a lift into one of the city's predominantly Ethiopian neighbourhoods, wished him well and left him to fend for himself.

With the help of his fellow countrymen, the 16-year-old found his way to a youth shelter, which then passed him off to other community organizations that were largely ill-equipped to help a newly arrived refugee seeking sanctuary in Canada.

His experience stands in stark contrast to the welcome offered to the thousands of Syrian refugees arriving in the country. The earliest arrivals were greeted by none other than Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who offered them handshakes, hugs and winter apparel.

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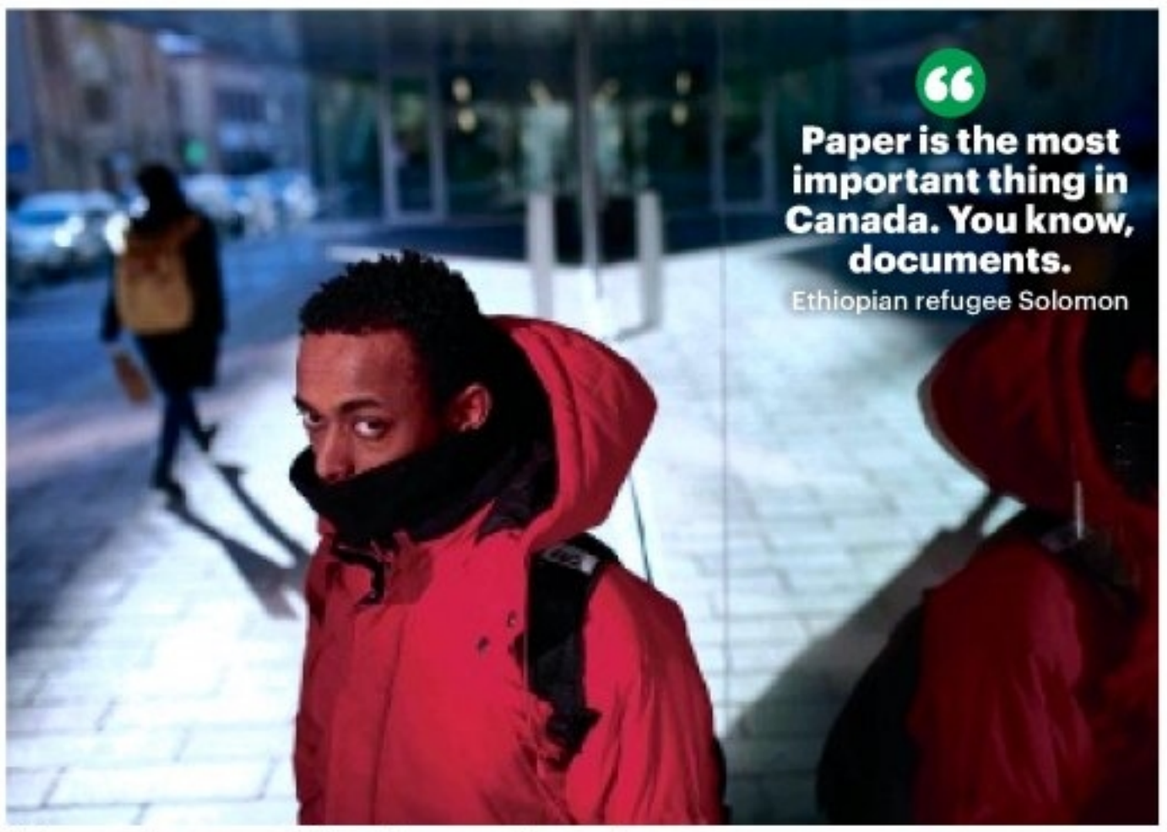
According to data from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the average wait time for private sponsorships originating in Africa and the Middle East in 2015 was 45 months.



Solomon, who requested his real name not be used. COLE BURSTON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

People fleeing the raging war in Syria went through an accelerated screening process before boarding flights that would take them to a country that has pulled out all the stops for their arrival. The medical care, transportation costs and warm national welcome are all readily available thanks to a Liberal government initiative targeted specifically toward Syrians.

Solomon, who requested that his real name not be used, applauds Canada for offering a helping hand to those fleeing persecution. But he also cautions that Syrians are not alone in facing adversity in their homelands.

"Our (Ethiopian) government has trouble distributing everything to the people," he said in a telephone interview. "Apparently on paper we have what appears to be a democratic country, but when you live there it's totally different."

Differences lie at the heart of the concerns voiced by organizations supporting the thousands of refugees that seek asylum in Canada each year.

One Montreal church discovered the disparity first-hand after deciding to sponsor a refugee. John Docherty, pastor of the Mennonite Fellowship of Montreal, said the congregation was torn between sponsoring a Syrian family or one from another part of the world where demand is high. The East African country of Eritrea, for instance, is the original home to a third of the world's refugees, according to the UNHCR.

Docherty and his parishioners looked into the issue and soon encountered a fact that may prove decisive — processing times for non-Syrian refugees are often years longer than for those who are part of the government's current target program. THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ TWO-TIER FEAR

Janet Dench, executive director of the Canadian Council for Refugees, fears recent government initiatives have created a two-tier system.

Gaining refugee status in Canada is a complex process fenced about with rules, quotas and government restrictions. Dench said many of those barriers have been removed as part of the Syrian refugee resettlement program. The country's sponsorship agreement holders, for instance, can bring in as many Syrians as they wish while the number from other regions is still subject to government-imposed caps.

Smaller private sponsorship groups, too, are typically only allowed to support those who have been formally recognized as a refugee by either the United Nations High Commission for Refugees or the country in which they were residing when they filed their application.

Dench said official recognition is no longer necessary for those fleeing Syria, which she said highlights a disparity in the application process.

"The whole system is really set up to discourage people, and to make it difficult, if not impossible, to sponsor other refugees," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SYRIA

Top opposition figure slams ceasefire deal

A top Syrian opposition figure criticized Russia on Sunday for continuing with its bombing in Syria, insisting that people in the country need to see action rather than words.

The head of the Saudi-backed Syrian opposition's High Negotiations Committee, former Prime Minister Riad Hijab, also stopped short of declaring a clear commitment to implement a planned temporary truce.

"You ask me if I accept a cease-fire or a cessation of hostilities. I ask you: why is the onus on the opposition and whether it has preconditions for negotiations?" Hijab said. "I would like to see a single day of a cessation of hostilities in order to give a chance for real political movement."

Diplomats from a group of countries that have interests in Syria's five-year civil war, including the U.S., Russia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Iran, agreed on Friday to seek a temporary "cessation of hostilities" within a week. They also agreed to "accelerate and expand" deliveries of humanitarian aid to besieged Syrian communities beginning this week.

Riad Hijab
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

It remains unclear whether those commitments can be made to stick on the ground and whether deep differences regarding the truce and which groups would be eligible for it — between the U.S. and Russia among others — can be overcome. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ECATEPEC

Pope urges Mexicans to resist devil's sway

Pope Francis condemned the drug trade's "dealers of death" and urged Mexicans to shun the devil's lust for money as he led a huge open-air mass for more than 300,000 people Sunday in this violence-riddled city.

"Let us get it into our heads: With the devil, there is no dialogue," the Pope said at the biggest scheduled event of his five-day visit to Mexico.

Francis brought a message of encouragement on the second full day of his trip to residents of Ecatepec, a poverty-stricken Mexico City suburb of some 1.6 million people where drug violence, kidnappings and gangland-style killings, particularly of women, are a fact of life.

"He's coming to Ecatepec because we need him here," said Ignacia Godinez, a 56-year-old homemaker. "Kidnappings, robberies and drugs have all increased, and he is bringing comfort. His message will reach those who need it so that people know we, the good people, outnumber the bad."

In a clear reference to the drug lords who hold sway in the city's sprawling expanses of cinderblock slums, Francis focused his homily on the danger posed by the devil.

"Only the power of the word of God can defeat him," the Pope said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

100,000

An estimated 100,000 people have been killed and 27,000 have disappeared in gangland violence since President Enrique Pena Nieto's predecessor launched an offensive against drug cartels shortly after taking office in late 2006.

IN BRIEF

Analysts worry for EU
As EU leaders prepare for a Brussels summit that starts Thursday, analysts believe the combined strain of challenges including a refugee crisis, threats facing the euro currency and Britain's plan to hold a referendum on whether to leave the EU may threaten the 28-nation bloc.
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Bahraini youths protest
Hundreds of Bahraini youths shouting anti-government slogans took to the streets in Bahrain despite a heavy police presence Sunday to mark the fifth anniversary of an uprising calling for political change in the tiny island kingdom. Protesters were turned back by police firing tear gas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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1 A couple preparing to be wed in a hot air balloon in Jekabpils, Latvia, on Sunday.
2 Ready for takeoff: the balloons being prepared.
3 A balloon floats above the ground with couples about to be wed.

LOVE CUP FESTIVAL

Couples in Latvia eye world record

Latvian couples have tied the knot in the air on Valentine's Day hoping to set a world record in the number of simultaneous weddings in hot air balloons.

Fifty couples in 30 balloons rose into the sky Sunday during the Love Cup festival near the southeastern city of Jekabpils, watched by thousands of spectators. The balloons were hitched to cars because it was snowing at the time, impeding them from rising higher than some 15 metres.

It wasn't immediately clear if the ceremony would qualify for an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest airborne wedding in hot air balloons.

The event was watched by independent observers, including a Guinness representative who couldn't be reached for comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scalia's death marks start to bitter battle

U.S. POLITICS

Supreme Court split between conservative, liberal justices

The sudden death of the longest-serving U.S. Supreme Court justice has catapulted into the presidential election a new, extremely consequential issue with the potential to shape multiple aspects of American public life.

Abortion. Gun control. Money in politics. Minority-voting access. Environmental regulation. The limits of presidential power. All these issues and others could be shaped over the next few months.

Within moments of news spreading on Saturday that conservative stalwart Antonin Scalia had died in his sleep at age 79, Republicans immediately signalled that they would block anyone nominated by the current president.

It could mean a bitter confirmation battle these next few months in the Republican-controlled Senate and an equally epic fight on the presidential campaign trail over who gets to choose the court.

A makeshift memorial for Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia at the U.S. Supreme Court, Sunday, in Washington, DC.
DREW ANGERER/GETTY IMAGES

The issue goes beyond Scalia. Nearly half the nine-member bench is over age 75, meaning the next president could shape the country's highest court for decades to come.

"The stakes are huge," said Chris Bonneau, an expert on judicial politics at the University of Pittsburgh.

"With so many 5-4 decisions on important issues, Scalia's replacement could shift the court from conservative to liberal. This would be a bigger shift than the (Samuel) Alito replacement for (Sandra Day) O'Connor."

> **The stakes are huge.**
> Chris Bonneau

The battle will ultimately play out in the Senate, where confirmation requires a 60 per cent majority. In U.S. history, the Senate has confirmed 124 nominations out of 160 proposed — with the rest either blocked or withdrawn.

But voters may get first say.

A foreshadowing of the current scenario was offered in late 2014 when top Democrat Chuck Schumer was asked to name the No. 1 issue of that year's midterm elections. He replied: "The Supreme Court." In those midterms, Democrats lost control of the nominating body. The Senate is potentially up for grabs again in the current election.

That raises the importance of parties nominating a strong presidential candidate — one who can not only win, but also help elect his or her party's Senate candidates down the ticket.

Several experts said a different court wouldn't just offer different verdicts. It could even decide to hear different types of cases.

Ryan Emenaker of Brown University said the court only hears about 80 cases of the 10,000 petitions filed each year, and it requires the consent of at least four justices. He said Scalia's influence was felt in multiple ways.

"Scalia was a power writer, thinker, and the longest-serving justice," he said.

"The loss of his voice will change the tone of opinions and the ideas that are advanced."

Scalia's body was being flown home to Virginia late Sunday after it was determined he died of natural causes and an autopsy was not necessary.
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Five top games worth the wait

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GAMING

Previews of blockbusters coming out this year

With the number of games delayed from last year, 2016 is looking like a monstrous year for gaming.

The newer consoles have been out for two years, and many big franchises are ready to make their debut.

Here are some of the games we are anticipating.

1 Far Cry Primal
Date: Feb. 23
Platform: PS4/Xbox One, March 1 for PC
Created in part by Ubisoft Toronto, the latest Far Cry goes way back, exchanging guns for much more primitive tools. Set in prehistoric times, you have to take care of your tribe, but the real draw is that you have Beastmaster powers and can control the wild animals and even ride a sabre-toothed tiger.

2 Adr1ft
Date: March 28
Platform: PC, out later for PS4/Xbox One
Basically the film Gravity in video game form, this is a first-person experience where you are an astronaut exploring the wreck of a space station. The game has been previewed using an Oculus Rift virtual reality headset, and could be one of the first that displays how games might have to change to embrace that new technology.

3 Uncharted 4: A Thief's End
Date: April 26
Platform: PS4
The next-generation debut for Nathan Drake, this PlayStation exclusive has long been the best Indiana-Jones-by-another-name game, and is well-loved for the quip-filled hero and the impressive archeological-inspired set pieces.

4 The Legend of Zelda
Date: TBD
Platform: Wii U
The 19th (!) instalment in the beloved Nintendo series will be the first one created with HD visuals. The game will feature the exploration and dungeon-crawling elements that the series has long been known for.

5 Star Citizen
Date: TBD
Platform: PC
Already crowned the most crowdfunded project of all time, raising more than $100 million, this massive space simulation game will have all eyes on it to see if it can deliver on the many promises that its backers have pinned their hopes on getting.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Iran sends first oil shipment to Europe since nuke deal
Iran says it has exported its first crude oil shipment to Europe since it reached a landmark nuclear deal with world powers. The official IRNA news agency quoted Deputy Oil Minister Rokneddin Javadi as saying the shipment marked "a new chapter" in Iran's oil industry. IRNA said several western tankers have loaded Iran's oil in recent days.
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New York eyes new way to deal with child-care costs
New York may allow the parents of young children to defer a piece of their state income taxes to help cover the cost of child care. The proposal is intended to address an expense that challenges nearly every family budget but gets far less attention than saving for college or retirement. Child care in New York costs $10,000 US a year, on average. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Deadpool debut annihilates Fifty Shades' record
The R-rated Deadpool has taken the box office by storm, annihilating records with an eye-popping $135 million US from its first three days in U.S. theatres, according to comScore estimates Sunday. The Fox film easily trounced last year's record-setting $85.2-million-US February debut of the erotic drama Fifty Shades of Grey.
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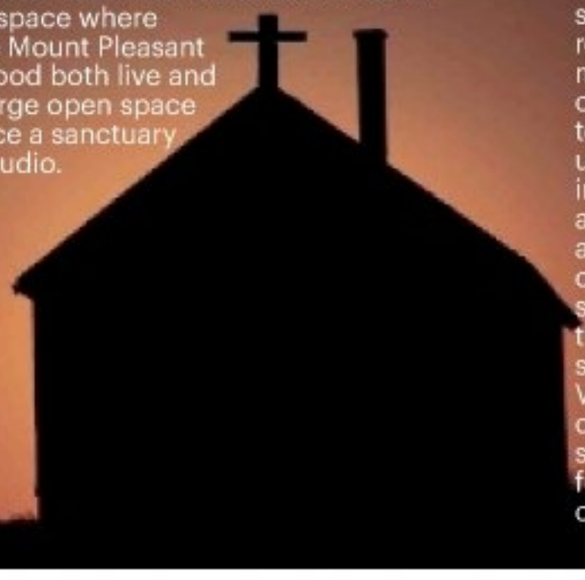
THE BIG THING: SAVING GRACE OF COMMUNITY SPACE

British Columbians go to church even less than other Canucks. In a 2013 Pew study, only 23 per cent reported attending religious services in the past month, and 44 per cent said they're not affiliated with a religion — the highest rate in the nation by far. With more pews sitting empty and property values climbing heavenward, many of the city's historic churches are being eyed for development. That was certainly true of St. James Community Square, a former United Church that has been a busy community centre in Kitsilano for more than 20 years. When the church wanted to sell the building, which houses everything from AA meetings to weddings and concerts, the city swooped in and scooped it up for $6.8 million on Friday. Here's a look at how other places of worship have tried to reconcile changing realities with the desire to maintain churches' aesthetic beauty and ability to bring neighbours together.



1 Fruitful Life Once upon a time, the majority of Canadians belonged to either the Catholic Church or one of a handful of major Protestant denominations. Today, diverse Christian communities, many of them made up of recent immigrants, represent a larger and growing share of churchgoers. An example is the Fruitful Life Christian Church, a Mandarin-language congregation that now occupies the mid-century-style former Augustana Lutheran Church on King Edward Avenue.

2 Church and paint The characteristic design of Vancouver's first Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland, built in 1921 in the Gothic revival style, was preserved when it was converted in 2007 into a space where artists in the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood both live and work. The large open space that was once a sanctuary became a studio.

3 Mixed-use space Both Oakridge United Church and Oakridge Lutheran Church in the south end partnered with real-estate developers to make plans to demolish church buildings. They're to be replaced with mixed-use alternatives that will include space for church activities but also affordable housing, community meeting spaces and, in the case of the Lutheran church, retail stores, as well. Heritage Vancouver has raised concerns this will displace some of the community functions of the original church buildings.

ISTOCK

TransLink's new CEO must first find shelter

CITY HOLLER
Trish Kelly

TransLink named its new CEO last week. Kevin Desmond, the general manager at King County Transit in Seattle for 12 years, has turned in his resignation and will start his new job March 21.

Desmond will pull in a salary of $365,000 as head of our transit authority. It's less than his predecessor, Ian Jarvis, whose annual salary of $425,000 and $97,000 in bonuses was fuel for "no" voters during Vancouver's 2015 transit referendum. But for most transit riders, it's still money most wouldn't see without a winning lottery ticket.

Desmond will receive a monthly $1,500 housing allowance for the first year. Good luck with that.

It does seem like TransLink has found a CEO with the right chops. TransLink's ridership will offer a juicy learning curve, with a ridership of 1 million a day and a relatively extensive rapid-transit system that's a tad more complicated than the Seattle Monorail.

But Desmond is no stranger to many of our transit pain points.

He's worked in complicated funding structures, he's been on both the winning and losing sides of transit referendums and he implemented Seattle's version of the Compass Card.

Desmond is reported to be an actual transit user, which will help him earn the respect of his customers and go a long way to repairing what he described at a news conference as the bruised brand of his new employer. To boot, he actually plans to attempt to live close to TransLink's offices in New Westminster.

On top of his salary, Desmond will receive a monthly $1,500 housing allowance for the first year. Good luck with that, Mr. Desmond. Even in New Westminster, he'll need to dip into that $1,000-a-day salary to get executive living. A quick search of Craigslist will reveal that "garden-level apartments" — really just basement suites with bad lipstick — represent close to 100 per cent of your housing options.

Add another day's salary (or two) to his rental budget and he can rent a three-bedroom condo with a view of the river or a single-family home with marble countertops.

Clearly, TransLink doesn't expect its CEO to find accommodation for $1,500.

Perhaps it's a distraction technique, to delay Desmond from doing the math on what the weak Canadian dollar shaves off his salary.

TransLink's new CEO will have plenty to keep his mind occupied once he gets the keys to his new office.

He's joining an organization with a tarnished brand, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Not only will he have to deal with disdain from his customers, but once inside, he'll have to deal with a company culture so sick, the ridership can feel it.

I wish him well. I hope he can make TransLink an organization we can trust again.

Trish Kelly lives and writes in East Vancouver. Follow her on Twitter @trishkellyc.

metroview

What it feels like to get kudos from your hero

Michael Coren
For Metro

I have a new book out at the end of April. Epiphany: A Christian's Change of Heart and Mind over Same-Sex Marriage. It explains what happened to me when I did indeed change my opinion, and then outlines the Christian and secular case for equal marriage.

Part of modern authorship is not only writing but also promoting a book, and blurbs are important. I'd received them from the chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Oxford historian Sir Diarmaid MacCulloch and several others but my publishers, Random House, wondered if we could break through the academic and theological and, in their words, "find a celebrity."

So, I needed someone famous who was also highly intelligent and deeply concerned about gay issues and social justice.

The person who came to mind was someone I respect more than anybody else currently writing and broadcasting: Stephen Fry.

He has more than 12 million Twitter followers, his books are international bestsellers, his popularity and audience almost beyond compare. Which is why he would be impossible to reach and not interested in someone like me.

I wrote to a friend in Britain who knows him a little. "Here's an old email address. Not even sure if it's current." I sent off some recent columns and waited for the sound of silence.

A Tuesday morning. Still half-asleep, I turn to my phone to read the night's emails. Stephen Fry. He's not only replied but wants to see the manuscript. Not a hoax, it's him. I tell those closest to me, send him the manuscript and then assume it's the last I will hear.

Two weeks later comes a long, thoughtful letter and, "Michael Coren's Epiphany is a wonderfully revealing read — an epiphany in itself. I urge anyone interested in the conjunction of faith and free-thought to read this engrossing and fascinating book."

So how does one react when a hero offers such support?

Overwhelming joy, of course, wrapped in emotional gratitude, layered with a calming sense of genuine achievement. Something else, too. It makes all of the hateful and homophobic emails, tweets and comments from the past 18 months seem so trivial.

It will of course help the book enormously and bring it to a large audience, but most of all, it helps me.

Thank you Stephen, thank you.

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Yes, you can be too frugal

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
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THE CHALLENGE: Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie is on a mission to transform the finances of two young women; Annick, who is heavily indebted, and Yolanda, who is on a mission to save a down payment. Each week, they take action to improve their financial fitness. Join the conversation #MetroMoneyMakeover @LesleyScorgie

THIS WEEK: Yolanda, a 27-year-old web communications specialist, is a super-saver. But, her ultra-frugal behaviour is leading to two undesirable outcomes. First, Yolanda's friends are getting annoyed because they think she's a cheapskate. Second, she's blowing her savings because she's depriving herself of regular intervals of fun like meals out and the occasional new pair of shoes.

NEXT WEEK: Annick learns how to take advantage of free money through her employer's RRSP program while kicking her debt in the butt.

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Yolanda, 27, Mississauga
MONTHLY SURPLUS
$ 435
Yolanda has a bad habit of saving like a demon and then blowing her savings in one fell swoop.
Instant teller

To help Yolanda kick her binge-savings habit, her homework is to master her cash flow so that she will still be able to spend money on her favourite things. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO CANADA

THE STORY

I've helped many people get their finances into shape but Yolanda is by far the most frugal person I've met… even more than myself. In fact, she even asked our Metro photographer to pay her $3 bus fare for the photo shoot for this series.

That's nothing. Yolanda coupons her way through the weekly grocery specials, surfs the Internet on free Wi-Fi, grinds retailers for discounts and trades her friend dates at restaurants and bars for homemade tea and a stroll.

Minding her dollars and cents keeps her debt free and affords Yolanda the opportunity to save between $500 to $700 per month, all in an effort to build up a $25,000 down payment on a home within the next three years.

THE LESSON

As some Twitter followers have pointed out, Yolanda should be saving more given her ultra-frugal spending, low cost of living and $42,000 annual salary.

I thought the exact same thing until I discovered Yolanda has a bad habit of saving like a demon and then blowing her savings in one fell swoop on travel and her cute pooch. We are going to kick her binge savings habit to the curb.

Yolanda has some homework to do. To control her impulse spending, she has to master her cash flow, through budgeting (a plan for her money) and monthly spending summaries (the reconciliation of her budget to what actually happened). Once she masters this exercise, I estimate she can save an additional $250 per month toward her down payment and still spend money on her favourite things.

The other thing I worry about is that Yolanda is irritating her friends and family with her ultra-frugal behaviour. She'll need to strike a balance between saving, without being a cheapskate. So, she'll have to "up" the amounts of money she allocates to social activities and gifts in her budget.

$ MONEY

A surprise

Based on Yolanda's first cut at her monthly budget, she's got $435 left over. If she can stick to her budget, Yolanda can definitely save more!

Income	$2,400
Expenses:	
• Rent	$750
• Savings	$50
• RRSP	$150
• TFSA	$250
• Insurance	$25
• Groceries	$200
• Transit	$120
• Cell phone	$30
• Restaurants, entertainment, gifts	$150
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• Charity	$80
Total Expenses	**$1,965**
Surplus	**$435**

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PROPOSALS

More couples opt for second-hand jewelry

Shriram Venkataramana had two months to look for an engagement ring for his girlfriend, Payal Uttam. He wanted to propose while they were on vacation in Bali, but he was overwhelmed just thinking about finding the perfect ring.

"It was very intimidating," Venkataramana says. "I had never been into a jewelry store, looking for a ring for someone else before, so I avoided it as long as I could."

A jewelry-savvy friend took Venkataramana to a Birks store last August, where they pinpointed rings that suited Uttam's style. "All four of them happened to be estate rings," Venkataramana says. "They were the unique ones — not your diamond solitaires."

So their next stop was Cynthia Findlay Antiques on Toronto's King St. W, which specializes in vintage jewelry. It was there Venkataramana found the perfect ring for his now wife.

Uttam is one of a growing number of brides sporting vintage rings on their fingers. Influenced by popular movies and TV series such as The Great Gatsby and Downton Abbey, Cynthia Findlay has seen increasing demand for her vintage engagement rings from the Victorian (1837-1901), Edwardian (1901-1910), Art Nouveau (1890-1918) and Art Deco (1920-1930) eras.

Engagement rings in her shop start at $400 and run upwards of $20,000. Findlay acquires them through private sellers and works with independent gemologists to determine the ring's value.

"Pieces were handmade with tremendous pride, especially from 1915 to 1930," she says. "People were paid to do a beautiful job. They weren't paid to produce 42 rings from a mould."

Some jewelry shops have gemologists on staff, including Van Rijk Estate Jewellery and Watches in Toronto.

"We look at a ring, check the colour of the stone, the clarity, the weight, the era and the workmanship," says store manager and certified gemologist Pina Danyszczuk. "If it's a signed piece like Tiffany or Cartier then it's worth even more."

At Van Rijk, Danyszczuk says on average, the budget for young couples buying engagement rings runs between $5,000 and $15,000.

Gemological certifications also come with an appraisal value that customers can take to their insurance provider. "The replacement value is not what they paid but what they should insure it for," says Danyszczuk, who always notes on gemological certificates that vintage rings are not readily replaceable.

"You should have it insured," says Danyszczuk. "If you're going to spend $15,000, you don't want to spend that again. You can sleep better at night."

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ART DECO

Made in the 1920s, art deco rings are characterized by elaborate designs and geometric motifs. "A lot of the art deco rings were flat because women wore gloves," explains Pina Danyszczuk, store manager at Van Rijk Estate Jewellery and Watches. Danyszczuk says that art deco is the most in-demand era of vintage rings at her store.

Diamond, sapphire and platinum ring, Van Rijk Estate Jewellery and Watches, $6,500.

OLD EUROPEAN CUT DIAMONDS

Before the advent of machine cutting technology, jewellers hand-cleaved each facet of the diamond which often resulted in a slightly imperfect shape. Also known as an Old Mine Cut, this style of diamond was popular in both the Edwardian and Victorian eras. They're the precursor of today's brilliant cut diamonds.

18K yellow gold and diamond solitaire ring, Canadian Estate Jewellers, $4,900.

COLOURED GEMSTONES

"A lot of couples say they're not interested in a diamond at all," says Cynthia Findlay, who has been selling vintage rings for over 35 years. Sapphires, rubies and emeralds are popular alternatives as engagement rings, although many vintage styles are accented with smaller diamonds in the design.

14K white gold, emerald and diamond ring, Cynthia Findlay Antiques, $13,000.

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Do research before investing

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

The investment world is like a box of mixed chocolates without a map: you think you're getting one thing, but you end up with something else. Witness all the folks who tell me they've bought a mutual fund but have no idea what that mutual fund is invested in, so they don't know if it actually meets their needs.

"All I want to do is make some money," people tell me. "I don't know much about investing and I'm told this is the way to go."

"Would you take your money and throw it out your car window while doing 100 kilometres per hour?" I ask.

"No." The response comes with a puzzled look.

"Then why would you invest in something you don't understand, where you have the potential to lose money?"

"Lose money?" The puzzled look turns to panic.

"Hey, a mutual fund is..." and I explain about diversification, a basket of investments, unit values, and past performance being no predictor of future performance. They panicked look turns to despair.

OK, let's take a step back. You don't have to be a wizard to be an investor. Anything you use to grow your money is an investment. A high interest savings account, a GIC, a bond or a stock are all types of investments.

You never know what you're going to get if you invest without knowledge, or a plan. ISTOCK

Some have higher returns than others and a rule of thumb is the greater the potential return, the greater the risk you might lose some money.

If you want to be an investor, you have to know the rules. Here are my top three:

Don't buy anything you can't explain to a 12-year-old.

Knowledge: If you want your money to work hard for you, you have to learn about investing. Read. Build a pretend portfolio and spend some time learning about what happens in the markets. You'll not only learn about how investments work, you'll learn about yourself.

Don't buy anything that keeps you up at night.

Risk profile: This is the fancy way of saying, "How big a chicken are you?" You better know. Using a pretend portfolio you can see how you react when your investments go up and down in value. You'll learn about you: how you respond in a crisis and what types of investments best suit you.

Know how long you're willing to stay invested.

Time horizon: If you plan to stay in an investment for less than 10 years, you've got to stay out of equities: stocks and stock-based mutual funds. The last thing you need is for the market to dipsy-doodle, just when you want to use the money. As you get closer to spending the money — as your time horizon shortens — you need to move that money where it'll be safe so you'll have it when you need it.

Don't stay stuck at the bottom of the investment pyramid because of a lack of knowledge. Read. Ask questions. Learn. Then move up the pyramid.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com

Toronto-born teen actor Ella Ballentine plays Anne Shirley in YTV's upcoming Anne of Green Gables movie. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A new Anne for a new generation

REBOOT

Ballentine stars in classic Canadiana tale set in 1908

Move over, Megan Follows. Newcomer Ella Ballentine says she's ready to put her stamp on the iconic role of Anne Shirley for a new adaptation about the feisty red-headed orphan.

The pint-sized actress stars in the YTV movie Lucy Maud Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables, airing Monday, and says she's excited to tackle a beloved character that has impacted generations.

Of course, the Toronto-born Ballentine can't help but feel the weight of past incarnations on her shoulders, but the natural brunette says it's time for a new version of the classic story.

"A lot of people are like, 'Well, there was Megan Follows.' But it's just like in Freaky Friday — they had a movie remade. I'm doing my version of Anne," Ballentine declared during a break from shooting in Milton, Ont., last June, when she was 13.

"When Megan Follows played Anne she was much older than I am right now so I think (I bring) a bit more of that youth."

Clad in a rumpled, loose-fitting dress and long red braids, the poised teen acknowledged feeling some "responsibility" to do justice to the character of Anne — an imaginative and iron-willed chatterbox whose zest for life charms everyone in her Prince Edward Island community.

"I think it's really great to see Anne as such a strong female character, especially for younger girls growing up," says Ballentine, whose resume includes musical theatre gigs such as Les Misérables.

"She knows what she wants and she's very positive about everything and she doesn't let anybody be rude to her and she stands her ground."

The production earns some star power by way of Martin Sheen, who plays the shy Matthew Cuthbert, a lifelong bachelor who becomes Anne's unexpected ally when she arrives at Green Gables.

Sara Botsford plays Matthew's practical-minded sister Marilla Cuthbert, who has a tougher time accepting Anne as she ruefully notes she had asked the orphanage to send them a boy to help around the farm.

Sheen says he could easily connect with his introspective character, an elderly farmer who is surprised by how much he could love a child. And he lauds the period drama as a welcome change from a lot of kid-focused TV fare, which seems to play on a youth culture driven by technology and increasingly fractured into niche interests.

"Our show takes place in 1908, in a remote area, when childbirth was an emergency," Sheen notes of the radically different world in which this tale is set.

"A snowstorm could isolate you. People could starve to death. Whooping cough, pneumonia, measles would kill you. So people depended on each other in life and death situations. That was real community. We've lost that. Our culture and our current malaise is about 'I, me, me, mine,'" he laments.

"None of us can do anything without the help of other human beings. Anne reminds us of that."

The film comes as CBC-TV says it has greenlit its own reboot — a TV series titled Anne that is set to begin production this spring for a debut in 2017.

There's no word on casting or approach for that production, but the public broadcaster hinted at a makeover that would "chart new territory."

Ballentine says the YTV version offers up a "much more realistic" look at Anne's life than viewers have seen before, and that should appeal to a modern audience.

"She's still bubbly, all the characters are as you imagined them to be, but Anne has flashbacks to her time in the orphanage or at other homes," says Ballentine, noting those scenes can get quite dark. "Having it more realistic, people can relate to it a lot more."

This all comes with the support of the author's granddaughter, Kate Macdonald Butler, who served as executive producer.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

When you can't swear on network TV

Timothy Hutton and Hope Davis are a married couple at odds in American Crime. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: American Crime, Season Two, Episode Four (ABC)
THE MOMENT: The Black Screens

Steph (Hope Davis) and her husband Dan (Timothy Hutton) are arguing.

She wants him to quit his job — basketball coach at hoity-toity Leyland Academy in Indianapolis, Ind. — because the headmistress, Leslie (Felicity Huffman), is a snake. (Leslie asked Steph to encourage Dan to advise his players to lie about a sexual assault.) He doesn't want to quit.

The fight escalates. "What the f— do you want, do you want me to stand here and spew sh— so you can feel better about yourself?" Dan shouts. Interestingly, every time he says a starred word, for a nanosecond the sound drops out and the screen goes blank.

The most vital TV series right now deal with race, money or sex. American Crime weaves all three into a fascinating, infuriating tangle, set smack in America's heartland. The assault victim is a lower-class boy whom no one takes seriously. One of the accused is an upper-class kid whose parents (Regina King and Andre Benjamin) believe he's mistrusted because he's black. Leslie — Lady Macbeth in the principal's chair — calmly purrs sentences like, "We only have three black families that pay full tuition."

There's one thing that separates American Crime from cable shows, and it's not complexity of ideas. It's language: You still can't swear on ABC. Hence the blank screens. (Jarring at first, you quickly get used to them.)

American Crime is set in a ruthlessly competitive world. The broadcaster that airs it is trying to keep up, too.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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Stake out who's likely to get a Grammy

GAMBLING ON THE AWARDS

Who will win, who should win ...and the dark horses

The only safe bets for the Grammy Awards (Monday at 8 p.m. ET live on CBS and City) are that LL Cool J will once again be a leaden host, the recently departed David Bowie and Glenn Frey will receive a lot of love, and Canadian fans will have much to cheer for with chart-toppers the Weeknd and Drake up for, respectively, seven and five awards apiece. Here's how a few major categories could shake down on the big night.

Taylor Swift, Meghan Trainor and the Weeknd are among the predicted winners at this year's Grammys. ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Album of the Year

Nominees: Sound & Color, Alabama Shakes; To Pimp a Butterfly, Kendrick Lamar; Traveller, Chris Stapleton; 1989, Taylor Swift; Beauty Behind the Madness, the Weeknd

Who will win: Alabama Shakes. This award has a tendency to skew "rock," which might give Alabama Shakes' sophomore psych-soul opus the edge.

Who should win: Kendrick Lamar. To Pimp a Butterfly's grandiose cinematic ambitions and scorching social commentary are in a league of their own.

The dark horse: Taylor Swift.

Record of the Year

Nominees: Really Love, D'Angelo and the Vanguard; Uptown Funk, Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars; Thinking Out Loud, Ed Sheeran; Blank Space, Taylor Swift; Can't Feel My Face, the Weeknd

Who will win: The Weeknd.

Who should win: The Weeknd. Uptown Funk is as ubiquitous as Can't Feel My Face, but it wears out its welcome a lot quicker.

The dark horse: Taylor Swift.

Song of the Year

Nominees: Alright, Kendrick Lamar; Blank Space, Taylor Swift; Girl Crush, Little Big Town; See You Again, Wiz Khalifa featuring Charlie Puth; Thinking Out Loud, Ed Sheeran

Who will win: Taylor Swift. This one is about the song and Blank Space is an undeniable feat of pop songcraft.

Who should win: Kendrick Lamar. Exactly the sort of tune America needs to hear right now.

The dark horse: Little Big Town.

Best New Artist

Nominees: Courtney Barnett; James Bay; Sam Hunt; Tori Kelly; Meghan Trainor

Who will win: Meghan Trainor. Clearly The Grammys have a soft spot if they're sneaking her in as a "new artist" one year after All About That Bass.

Who should win: Courtney Barnett. Sometimes I Sit and Think and Sometimes I Just Sit was one of the most acclaimed albums of 2015, hands down.

The dark horse: Courtney Barnett. The other options are freakin' terrible.

Best Rap Album

Nominees: 2014 Forest Hills Drive, J. Cole; Compton, Dr. Dre; If You're Reading This It's Too Late, Drake; To Pimp a Butterfly, Kendrick Lamar; The Pinkprint, Nicki Minaj

Who will win? Kendrick Lamar. All of these are strong records, but To Pimp a Butterfly is a proper album.

Who should win? Lamar. Kendrick is definitely the populist hip-hop voice of the moment.

The dark horse: Drake. He was also one of the only people besides Taylor Swift to sell a million records last year.

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metro SPORTS

Twenty-year-old rookie Chase Elliott became the youngest driver to win pole position for the Daytona 500 on Sunday

Canucks yet to exploit advantages of home ice

NHL

Struggles at Rogers Arena hit new low vs. Toronto

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

In the last three games at Rogers Arena, the Vancouver Canucks have lost to basement dwellers from Columbus, Calgary and, perhaps most aggravating of all for local fans, Toronto.

At a time when the public message from this hockey team is to strive for a playoff spot, the Canucks have taken away any real hope or optimism the fan base might have with these recent performances.

It's tough to sell even the prospect of wanting to be a buyer at the Feb. 29 trade deadline to a fan base when poor results at home keep piling up.

The latest was the most damning.

To Canucks fans, a loss to the Maple Leafs is probably one of the most irritating to endure, mainly because, well, Toronto. But to lose in the fashion the Canucks did on Saturday — by a final score of 5-2, with two late Toronto goals into an empty net to rub salt in the wound — is perhaps the most insulting.

The Canucks had nothing going for them beyond a certain point early in the game. They were badly outshot, badly outplayed and their power play amounted to a mostly disjointed unit that had difficulty simply gaining Toronto's blue line.

"Sometimes on the road, we're worried. We're worried … teams might come after us pretty hard," said head coach Willie Desjardins following Saturday's game.

"And then I think at home, we come back, we're relaxed a little bit and we think it's going to happen. It never just happens, ever."

The Canucks are a paltry 9-11-5 at home.

That's the second worst home record in the entire league. They've been better on the road, at 13-10-7.

The Canucks were stung by injuries to Brandon Sutter and Alex Edler last week.

It's possible they could be without Bo Horvat against the Minnesota Wild on Monday — on home ice.

Horvat was hurt during Saturday's game. He blocked a shot during a penalty kill and was seen favouring his left leg as he hobbled off the ice.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, Desjardins said he was hoping Horvat could play Monday.

Alex Friesen, 25, could also make his NHL debut for the Canucks on Monday.

TRADE FRONT

Vancouver Canucks forward Alex Burrows may be willing to waive his no-trade clause if he was approached by management, according to a report from Elliotte Friedman during Hockey Night in Canada on Saturday.

Friedman also noted that Burrows denied this after the loss to Toronto.

Burrows, 34, has two years remaining on his current contract, which comes with an annual cap hit of $4.5 million. In 53 games this season, Burrows has seven goals and 16 points.

Ryan Miller allowed three goals on 36 shots in Saturday night's loss to Toronto at Rogers Arena. RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES)

WHL

Giants fall twice to Blazers

The Vancouver Giants fell further behind the playoff race in the WHL's Western Conference after a pair of losses to their B.C. Division rivals, the Kamloops Blazers, this weekend.

On Friday, the Giants were shut out on home ice by a score of 5-0, ending a five-game home streak for Vancouver.

Despite a closer score the following night, the Giants came away with only a single point after a 4-3 overtime loss. Goalie Ryan Kubic was charged with the loss after allowing four goals on 36 shots faced.

The lone bright spot for the Giants was that draft-eligible forward Ty Ronning scored again, giving him 29 goals on the season. His goal, just before the midway point of the third period, ensured Vancouver secured at least one point.

The Giants are now 10 points behind the Portland Timbers for the final wild-card spot in the conference.

The Giants host the Victoria Royals on Wednesday at Pacific Coliseum. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Ty Ronning GETTY IMAGES FILE

RED WINGS 6, BRUINS 5

Datsyuk hits 900 as Wings outdo Bruins

The way both teams were scoring, Pavel Datsyuk couldn't help reaching this milestone.

Needing one point to make it to 900 in his NHL career, Datsyuk had two goals and an assist Sunday to lead the Red Wings to a 6-5 home victory over the Boston Bruins. Henrik Zetterberg and Darren Helm also scored twice each for the Red Wings in a game that felt like a throwback to a more high-scoring era.

FAST OPENER

Brad Marchand's goal eight seconds into the first was the fastest in the NHL since Alexandre Burrows scored six seconds in for Vancouver on March 16, 2013, against Detroit.

"It looked like 1986," Detroit coach Jeff Blashill said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Blues slip past Lightning

Robby Fabbri and Patrik Berglund scored on breakaways and Brian Elliott stopped 37 shots as the St. Louis Blues held on for a 2-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Sunday night.

Elliott was superb until Nikita Kucherov scored in the final minute for Tampa Bay, which lost for the third time in four games and had a nine-game home winning streak stopped.

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Taylor rallies for remarkable win at Pebble Beach

Vaughn Taylor is headed home to the Masters with his first PGA Tour victory in more than a decade, and he can't believe it.

Neither can Phil Mickelson.

Taylor, who hasn't had a full PGA Tour card for the last three years, ran off four straight birdies on the back nine to close with a 7-under 65 and won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am on Sunday when Mickelson missed a five-foot putt on the final hole. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING

Sinclair surpasses Hamm's goal total

Christine Sinclair added to her legacy as one of the greatest ever in women's soccer on Sunday.

Sinclair scored a milestone goal to help lift Canada to a 6-0 rout of Trinidad and Tobago at the 2016 CONCACAF women's Olympic qualifying tournament in Houston.

The second-half marker — the 159th international goal of Sinclair's career — moved her ahead of American Mia Hamm into second place on the all-time international goal scoring list. American Abby Wambach is first with 184.

Christine Sinclair THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"It's so nice to get it off my back," said Burnaby's Sinclair. "It's been a couple games without scoring a goal and it kept weighing on me a little bit.... So it's nice to get it out of the way and allow my team to focus."

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West is best for Kobe's all-star swan song

Kobe Bryant of the Western Conference enjoyed his final all-star experience. JOE MURPHY/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

2016 NBA ALL-STAR

East's George leads in points, but Westbrook named MVP

Russell Westbrook scored 31 points and earned game MVP honours in leading the Western Conference to a 196-173 victory over the East in the 65th NBA all-star game on Sunday — the first time the game was played outside the United States.

Steph Curry added 26 points — including a dramatic three-point shot with two seconds left — that drew a massive roar from the Air Canada Centre crowd.

Paul George had 41 points to lead the East, including nine three-pointers that broke the previous record of eight set by Carmelo Anthony (2014).

Kobe Bryant, playing his 18th — and final — all-star game, finished with 10 points, and received a standing ovation when he left the floor with just over a minute to play. DeMar DeRozan had 18 points, while Kyle Lowry finished with 14 in the first time two Toronto Raptors were voted onto the all-star team.

With Toronto providing the backdrop to the NBA's annual party, Drake addressed the crowd pre-game, and summed up the fuzzy feel-good mood in the building. "This is the best game with the best players — finally in the best city in the world," the rapper and Raptors' global ambassador told the giddy Air Canada Centre crowd.

SUNDAY In Toronto

196	173
WEST	EAST

The game, as always, was a dazzling offensive showcase, with huge alley-oop dunks drawing "ooohs" from a star-studded front row that included Spike Lee plus Super Bowl MVP Von Miller, Toronto Blue Jays legend Joe Carter, host of The Daily Show Jon Stewart, actors Jason Sudeikis and Olivia Wilde, and comedian Kevin Hart. Bryant, who will retire after this season, was feted in a touching pre-game video montage introduced by NBA legend Magic Johnson.

The Lakers star then went out and promptly added another record to his illustrious resume, grabbing his 38th career all-star steal to pass Michael Jordan for most all-time.

The Western Conference took a 92-90 lead over the East into halftime, breaking the record for points in a half (89 set in 2014) and went on to win from there. The night capped a glitzy three days of festivities in Toronto.

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ALL GETTY IMAGES

Saturday night action

1 Minnesota's Zach LaVine outlasted Orlando's Aaron Gordon in an epic battle Saturday night to defend his slam dunk title at the NBA all-star skills competition.

2 Earlier Golden State's Klay Thompson de-throned Splash Brother Steph Curry in the three-point shooting contest.

3 And Karl-Anthony Towns showed big men have skills too as the seven-footer from the Minnesota Timberwolves beat five-foot-nine Boston Celtics guard Isaiah Thomas in the final of the skills challenge.

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PREMIER LEAGUE ROUNDUP

Spurs show their grit as top Foxes slip up

Arsenal and Tottenham grabbed late winning goals against title rivals on Sunday to move two points off the lead as the race to win the English Premier League tightened up.

Leicester started the weekend with an unlikely five-point lead but conceded in the fifth minute of stoppage time to lose 2-1 at Arsenal, with Danny Welbeck scoring the winner in his first match back after 10 months out injured.

"This strengthens our belief that we are in the fight," Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said. "It would have been massive for us to lose." It was only Leicester's third loss of the season — and two of them have been inflicted by Arsenal.

Christian Eriksen didn't leave it quite so late for Spurs against Manchester City, slotting home in the 83rd minute to also seal a 2-1 win at Etihad Stadium. It will be regarded as a landmark win for a young Tottenham team that is going for the club's first league title since 1961.

"It is true our supporters can dream," Spurs manager Mauricio Pochettino said.

Second-place Tottenham leads Arsenal on goal difference, while City's second straight home loss kept the team six points behind Leicester in fourth.

In the other match, last-place Aston Villa slipped to its heaviest home defeat in 81 years, losing 6-0 to Liverpool. The visitors had six different scorers, including Daniel Sturridge in the injury-prone striker's first league start for more than four months.

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RECIPE Black Bean Soup

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Start your week off right with this zesty, flavourful black bean soup. It's so rich and creamy you'll forget you're having a healthy, fibre-rich dinner.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 45 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 bunch cilantro, washed well, stems minced (keep leaves for garnish)
- 2 carrots, chopped small
- 2 stalks of celery, chopped
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 2 x 19 oz can of black beans, rinsed
- 1 L low-sodium chicken stock
- Salt and pepper
- Garnish: cilantro, avocado, yogurt or sour cream, salsa

Directions

1. In a heavy bottomed, large pot, place olive oil, onion, garlic, cilantro stalks, carrots and celery and allow it all to soften slightly over medium heat, about 5 minutes. Add cumin and cook for another minute or two.

2. Add rinsed beans and stock. Reduce heat to low, allow soup to simmer, then cover for 30 to 40 minutes. Stir every 5 minutes or so, to be sure nothing is sticking to the bottom.

3. Take soup off the heat and allow to cool a bit. Use either a blender to purée in small batches, or use an immersion blender.

4. Serve with plain yogurt, sour cream, avocado, salsa and cilantro.

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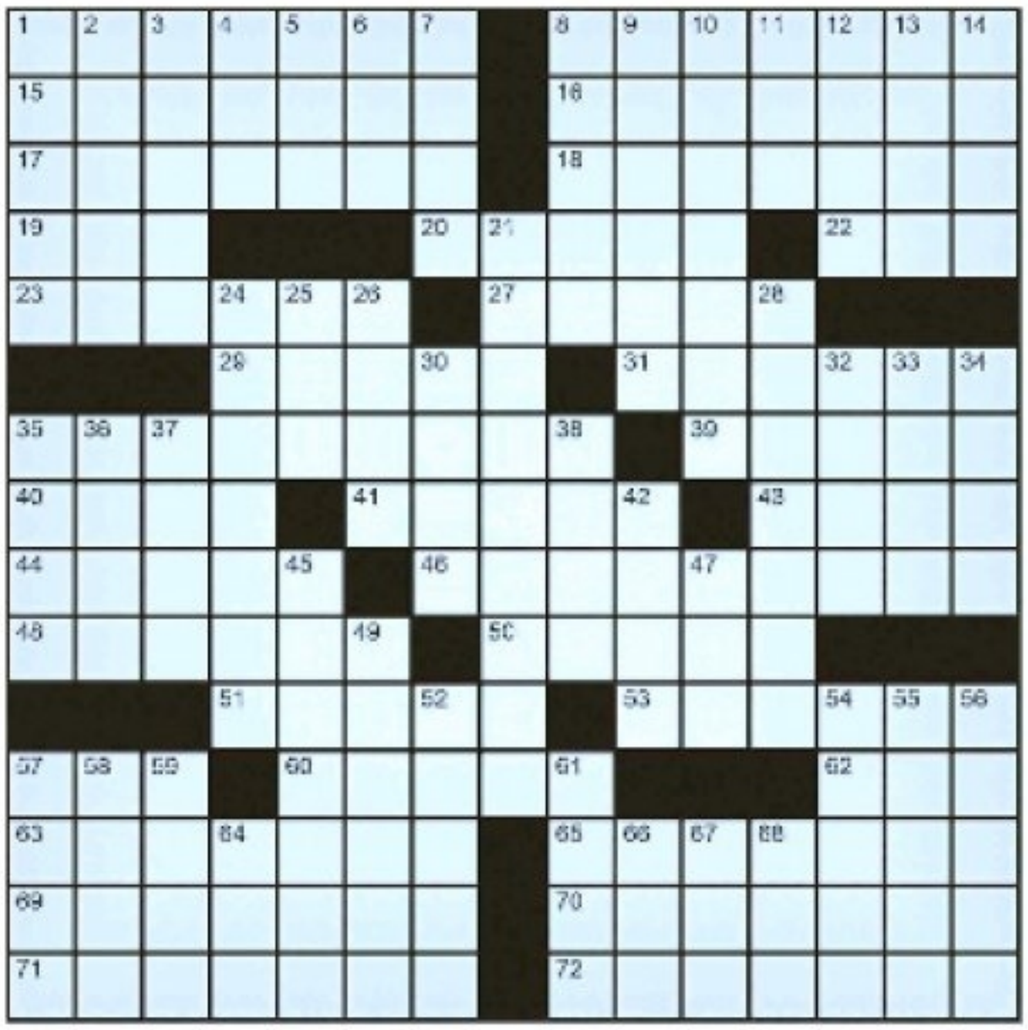

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15. Rattle
16. Gothic church window ornamentation
17. Thorough patient examination
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19. Will Smith boxing movie
20. Fugitive
22. Hosiery hue
23. Jewellery fasteners
27. Fibre-__ cable
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31. Fresh oxygen for ocean-goers: 2 wds.
35. Holiday from work that's celebrated in much of Canada in February: 2 wds.
39. Humdrum
40. __ lily
41. Shining
43. Not in use
44. Actress Ms. Blair
46. Pool piece: 2 wds.
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50. Authorization
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53. __ Laurel (Plant that grows in British Columbia)
57. "__ be nice if..."
60. Wedding reception salute
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63. Manitoba city northwest of Winnipeg
65. Wrap/surround
69. Most like Freddy's tree of scary movies
70. Most gullible
71. Calgary's locale
72. Famous prime time soap

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2. Solemn bell sound
3. Agra's locale
4. Agnus __ (Mass prayer)
5. Creature of folklore
6. Eggs, to a scientist
7. __-made millionaire
8. Like a hard-to-climb hill
9. Oil holders in the kitchen
10. "The Adventures of Ozzie and __"
11. Wood sorrel
12. Just in case...
13. Type of vocal
14. Actor Mr. Phillippe
21. UELAC = United Empire __' Association of Canada
24. Shine as sunlight on the water
25. Campaigner, e.g.
26. Type of bean
28. Lichens-eater in the Arctic
30. Advantage
32. Verdi opera
33. __ do (This will suffice)
34. Careen
35. Swift
36. Domain
37. Think over
38. Fitness club class
42. Explanations
45. __ time (Once more)
47. Recipe measurement, for short
49. Follower of The Way
52. __ Fe (New Mexico's capital)
54. Acting jobs
55. Big movie in 1990 with a pottery scene
56. Not full
57. Approximation
58. __ order
59. "__ and Dumber" (1994) starring Jim Carrey
61. Mind
64. Bakery offering
66. Negative response
67. Mr. Diesel
68. Ms. Longoria

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You need to do something about your cashflow situation — fast! You also need to stop spending money on things you don't need. Finally, don't get caught up in a you-can't-lose, get-rich-quick schemes.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your imagination will be working overtime this week. You'll be more creative than usual, but your ideas will be at odds with everyone else's. They will have to change, won't they?

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Just because you're usually the life of the party does not mean you don't have days when you like to sit quietly and think about the meaning of life — and this is one of them.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You're trying too hard to change something when fate will do the work for you. Everything that happens in your life is part of a cosmic plan. Don't fight that plan.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The more you tell yourself that a task is going to be unpleasant the more likely it will be. Don't approach it in a negative frame of mind. Instead, try pretending you can't wait to get started and see what happens.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be open to alternative viewpoints. The world is changing at a greater pace than ever and those who don't try to keep up will get left behind. Be ready to move with the times.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will be assertive today, but don't come on too strong. You may think you can get away with almost anything but it isn't true. There is always someone bigger and more powerful than you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Mars in your sign makes you super confident, but make sure your dreams have a basis in reality. If your head in the clouds you also need to keep your feet on the ground.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone who envies your popularity and abilities will say something hurtful today and you should take it as a sign that you are on the right track. They obviously feel threatened.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may feel you've gone as far as you can go with a project but the planets indicate there is life in it yet. If you give up now you will regret it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
There's a very real danger as the new week begins that you'll overreact to criticism and do something that comes back to haunt you. Think carefully before replying to what others say. Control your emotions.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You need to take a more relaxed attitude to what you think you have to do. Is it really so urgent that you have to take care of it now? What might an extra big push do to your health? Most likely it can wait.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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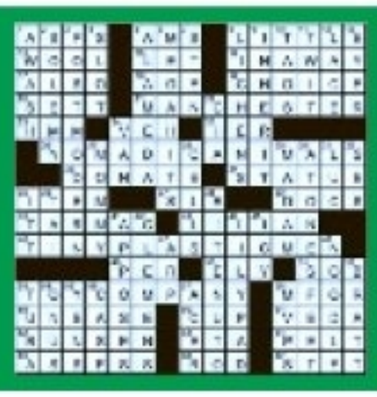

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